

I am in favor of postponing the vote on media concentration rules scheduled for 6-2-03. It is wrong that the public has been excluded in a very deliberate way from knowing what is at stake in this vote. The FCC itself, and the commercial media ownership have stonewalled the public's ability to know and learn about what will be voted on June 2nd. The FCC members have been wined and dined by corporate media lobbyists seeking influence and public meetings have been virtually non-existent. Scandal is in the air, and the disposition of the public airwaves by the FCC is now seen to be a corrupt process. The public will be heard, and what will be heard is not that what Americans want and need is more single voice corporate dominance in their media areas. Democracy and the public interest cannot survive without a strong and increasing number of diverse voices in our media.